

MARITIME HERITAGE MINNESOTA

Log Book 54 of the USS Essex

October 1, 1912 –

March 31, 1913

The Day-to-Day Operations
of Shipbuilder
Donald McKay's Last Ship

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Ernest E. Dieball of the Ohio Naval Militia at the wheel
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<TORPEDO BOAT LOG BOOK>

<U. S. S.> Essex

<From> Oct 1st 1912. <to> Mch 31st 1913



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<TORPEDO BOAT LOG BOOK>

<U. S. S.> ESSEX.

<COMMANDERED BY>

Anthony F. Nicklett. O[lio] N[aval] M[ilitia] <, U. S. N.,>

<FROM> Oct 1st 1912 -
 <TO> March 31st 1913. -

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<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [*blank in MS*] <, 19> [*blank in MS*]
<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

<SUNDAY.>

<MONDAY.>

Regular Routine Preparing ship for winter quarters.

Oct 1st
<TUESDAY.>

Regular Routine

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<WEDNESDAY.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Oct 5th <, 19> 12.

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine

3

<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine

4

<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine

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<SATURDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [blank in MS] <, 19> [blank in MS]

<DAY.>

Sunday routine

Oct 6th

6 [sic]

<SUNDAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular Routine

Oct 7th

<MONDAY.>

Regular routine

Oct 8th

<TUESDAY.>

Regular routine

Oct 9th

C[heif] B[oatswain's] M[ate]. Hayden reported on Board.

<WEDNESDAY.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Oct 12th <, 19> 12.

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular Routine

Scrubbed paint work Gun deck.

Oct 10th

<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine

Oct 11th

<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine Hoisted Ashes.

Oct 12th

<SATURDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [blank in MS] <, 19> [blank in MS]
<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Sunday routine
Oct 13th
<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine preparing ship for Winter Quarters
Oct 14th
<MONDAY.>

Same as before
Oct 15th
<TUESDAY.>

Same as before.
Oct 16th
<WEDNESDAY.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Oct 19th <, 19> 12
<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Same as before

Oct 17th
<THURSDAY.>

Same as before

Oct 18th
<FRIDAY.>

Same as before.

Oct 19th
<SATURDAY.> Hoisted Ashes

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [blank in MS] <, 19> [blank in MS]
<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Sunday routine
Oct 20th
<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine preparing ship Winter Quarters
Oct 21st
<MONDAY.>

Same as before
Oct 22nd
<TUESDAY.>

Same as before.
Oct 23rd
<WEDNESDAY.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Oct 26th <, 19> 12.
<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Same as before

Oct 24th
<THURSDAY.>

Same as before

Oct 25th
<FRIDAY.>

Same as before. C[hief]. G[unner's]. M[ate] Dolberg. Left ship

Oct 26th
<SATURDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [blank in MS] <, 19> [blank in MS]
<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Sunday routine
Oct 27th
<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine cleaned Gun deck
Oct 28th
<MONDAY.>

Regular routine. Cleaned Orlop. deck.
Oct 29th
<TUESDAY.>

Regular routine. Cleaned Ward Room.
Oct 30th
<WEDNESDAY.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Nov 2^{ed} <, 19> 13 [sic]
<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Regular routine

Oct 31st Cleaned Spar Deck.
<THURSDAY.>

Routine Work cleaned Berth Deck

Nov 1st
<FRIDAY.>

Routine Work cleaned out Dispensary.

Nov 2^{ed}
<SATURDAY.>

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Sunday Routine.

Nov 3rd

<SUNDAY.>

Routine Work. Broke out Sail Room.
Scrubbed spar Deck & Gig

Nov 4th

<MONDAY.>

Routine Work. Scrubbed Gun deck & Paint work on half deck

Nov 5th

<TUESDAY.>

Routine Work Took in boat. Cleaned out ward room.
Swung Ship.

Nov 6

<WEDNESDAY.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [stamped in ink] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [stamped in ink]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Nov 9th <, 19> 12 [sic]

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Routine Work Restowed Sail room.
Cleaned capt. cabin & Berth deck
Calking on spar Deck

Nov 7th

<THURSDAY.>

Routine Work Cleaned Gun deck.
Pitched where finished calking.
put out more lines.

Nov 8th

<FRIDAY.>

Routine Work Hoisted Ashes.

Nov 9th.

<SATURDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [blank in MS] <, 19> [blank in MS]

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Sunday routine

Nov 10th

<SUNDAY.>

Regular Routine Scrubbed paint work on Berth deck

Nov 11th

<MONDAY.>

Routine Work Scrubbed paint work War Room.

Nov 12th

<TUESDAY.>

Routine Work Drying Signal flags

Nov 13th

<WEDNESDAY.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Nov 16th <, 19> 12.

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Routine Work. overhaul Hammock [sic] nettings.

Nov 14th

<THURSDAY.>

Routine Work Scrubbed Spar & Gun deck

Nov 15th

<FRIDAY.>

Routine Work Hoisted Ashes.

Nov 16th

<SATURDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [*blank in MS*] <, 19> [*blank in MS*]

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Sunday Routine

Nov 17th

<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine Cleaned out ward Room

Nov 18th

<MONDAY.>

Regular Routine Took on Coal.
Started closing hatches for winter
Secured Target spars on dock.

Nov 19th

<TUESDAY.>

Regular routine Scrubbed Spar & gun deck.

Nov 20th

<WEDNESDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Nov 23rd <, 19> 12.

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine

Nov 21st

<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine Closing Hatches for winter

Nov 22^{ed}.

<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine Hoisted Ashes Washed down

Nov 23rd

<SATURDAY.>

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Sunday routine

Nov 24th

<SUNDAY.>

Regular Routine Clean out Ward Room

Nov 25th

<MONDAY.>

Regular Routine.

Nov 26th

<TUESDAY.>

Regular Routine Scrubbed Gun deck

Nov 27th

<WEDNESDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Nov 30th <, 19> 12.

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Holliday [sic]

Nov 28th
<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine

Nov 29th
<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine Hoisted Ashes.

Nov 30th
<SATURDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [blank in MS] <, 19> [blank in MS]
<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Sunday routine.

Dec 1st
<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine Unriged [sic] W[ard]. R[oom]. Canopy & Closed up Hatch.

Dec 2^{ed}
<MONDAY.>

Regular routine. Cleaned W[ard]. R[oom]. recd 3 bxs. Stores

Dec 3rd
<TUESDAY.>

Regular routine Scrubbed Gun deck

Dec 4th
<WEDNESDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Dec 7th <, 19> 12.

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular Routine
Cleaned Capt Cabin & W[ard] R[oom].

Dec 5th

<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine
Cleaned Berth deck.

Dec 6th

<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine
Hoisted Ashes
Scrubbed gun deck.

Dec 7th

<SATURDAY.>

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<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Sunday routine
Dec 8th
<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine
Dec 9th
<MONDAY.>

Regular routine took Boats off dock
Dec 10th
<TUESDAY.>

Regular routine prepared to leave for Winter quarters
Dec 11th.
<WEDNESDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Dec 14th <, 19> 13 [sic]

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine Geting [sic] under way proceeding and
arriving at Ironville
Commenced Coaling ship

Dec 12th

<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine Coaling Ship

Dec 13th

<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine

Dec 14th

<SATURDAY.>

finished coaling 3 P M.

Moored astern 50 ft. Secured for Winter

Washed down.

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<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Dec 15th
<SUNDAY.> Sunday routine

Regular routine put boats on dock & unriged [sic] falls.

Dec 16th
<MONDAY.> W [unfinished word]

Regular routine Washed down gun & spar deck.

Dec 17th
<TUESDAY.> Covered sailing Launch.

Regular routine. Cleaned W[ard] R[oom]. Rigged winter Quarters

Dec 18th.
<WEDNESDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Dec 21st <, 19> 12

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular Routine

Painted winter quarters

Dec 19th

<THURSDAY.>

Dec 20th

<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine

Cleaned Berth deck.

Cleaned Small boats

Cleaned snow off[f] Fok's [forecastle].

Dec 21st
<SATURDAY.>

Regular routine

Hoisted Ashes.

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<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Sunday routine

Dec 22^{ed}

<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine Cleaned out W[ard]. R[oom].

Dec 23rd

<MONDAY.>

Regular routine J. F. Dover reported on board as relief for Fisher

Dec 24th

<TUESDAY.>

Holiday

Dec 25th.

<WEDNESDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Dec 28th <, 19> 12

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine

Dec 26th
<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine
Worked on Gun dick & washed down same

Dec 27th
<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine

Dec 28th
<SATURDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [blank in MS] <, 19> [blank in MS]
<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Dec 29th
<SUNDAY.>
Sunday routine

Dec 30th
<MONDAY.>
Regular routine
Hoisted Ashes.

Dec 31st
<TUESDAY.>
Regular routine

Holiday
Jany 1st 1913.
<WEDNESDAY.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [stamped in ink] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [stamped in ink]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Jany 4th <, 19> 13.

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Jany 2^{ed}
<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine.
Detailed Carroll Night Watch.
" Grossweiller Engine room.
Overhauling all blocks
Recd 2 Box's [sic] Supplys [sic].

Jany 3rd
<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine.
Continued overhauling Blocks

Jany 4th
<SATURDAY.>

Regular routine.
Scubbed [sic] out winter quarters.

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [blank in MS] <, 19> [blank in MS]

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Sunday routine

Jany 5th

<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine filled all tanks with drinking water
Hoisted Ashes.

Jany 6th

<MONDAY.>

Regular Routine Cleaned W[ard] R[oom].
Made up hose.

Jany 7th

<TUESDAY.>

Regular routine Cut out Copper door sils [sic].
Made copper box for filling Lamps.

Jany 8th

<WEDNESDAY.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [stamped in ink] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [stamped in ink]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Jany 11th <, 19> 13.

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine Graved peices [sic] in galley door sills.

Jany 9th

<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine put on door. sill plates (copper).
repaired mess table

Jany 10th

<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine Hoisted Ashes
Scubbed [sic] Gun deck
Took down wireless Airals [sic].

Jany 11th

<SATURDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [blank in MS] <, 19> [blank in MS]

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Sunday routine

Jany 12th

<SUNDAY.>

Regular Routine

Jany 13th

<MONDAY.>

Regular Routine

Jany 14th

<TUESDAY.>

Regular routine
Hoisted Ashes

Jany 15

<WEDNESDAY.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Jany 18th <, 19> 13.

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine
Scrubbed 10 lengths fire hose & Triced up to dry.

Jany 16th
<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine
Hoisted Ashes

Jany 17th
<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine

Jany 18th
<SATURDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [blank in MS] <, 19> [blank in MS]

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Sunday routine

Jany 19th

<SUNDAY.>

Regular Routine

Made up fire hose.

Jany 20th

<MONDAY.>

Scrubbed paint work & Gun deck

Jany 21st

<TUESDAY.>

Regular Routine

Stowed Fire hose.

over hauled blocks & Tackles.

Jany 22^{ed}

<WEDNESDAY.>

Regular routine

Continued & finished over hauled Blocks & Tackles

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Jany 25th <, 19> 13

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine
Started painting hawsers

Jany 23.

<THURSDAY.>

Jany 24
<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine
finished painting hawsers
Hoisted Ashes

Jany 25th
<SATURDAY.>

Regular routine
washed down gun deck.

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<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Jany 26th
<SUNDAY.> Sunday routine

Jany 27th
<MONDAY.> Regular Routine
painted 7" Hawser.

Jany 28th
<TUESDAY.> Regular Routine
Painted 7 in hawser.

Jany 29th
<WEDNESDAY.> Regular routine.
Splicing Eyes in hawser.
J. S. Dover Sea[man] transferred [sic] to Dorothea Cleveland.

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Feby 1st <, 19> 13

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine
Splicing Eye in hawser.

Jany 30th
<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine
Splicing Eye in hawser

Jany 31th [sic]
<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine
C[heif] B[oatswain's]. M[ate]. Antonson reported for duty.

Feby 1st
<SATURDAY.>

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<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Feby 2^{ed}
<SUNDAY.> Sunday routine.

Feby 3rd
<MONDAY.> Regular routine.
finished painting & splicing Eyes in Hawsers

Feby 4th
<TUESDAY.> Regular routine
Overhauling spar store room. Striped [sic] off rusty trim

Same as before.
Feby 5th
<WEDNESDAY.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Feby 8th <, 19> 13

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Same as before.

Feby 6th
<THURSDAY.>

Feby 7th
<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine
Hoisted ashes
Scrubbed W[ard]. R[oom].

Feby 8th
<SATURDAY.>

Regular routine
Scrubbed out winter quarters

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Sunday routine

Feby 9th

<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine

Scubbing [sic] Capt Cabin

Feby 10th

<MONDAY.>

Same as before.

Feby 11th

<TUESDAY.>

Regular routine

Shelaced [sic] Cabin – (Capt)

Feby 12th

<WEDNESDAY.>

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Feby 15th <, 19> 13.

<DAY.>

Same as before.

<REMARKS.>

Feby 13th
<THURSDAY.>

Feby 14th
<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine
Hoisted Ashes
white-washed 2 Store rooms

Feby 15th
<SATURDAY.>

Regular routine
Scubbed [sic] cabin curtains
washed Gun deck
put patch in 1st Cutter

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Sunday routine

Feby 16th

<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine

Feby 17th

<MONDAY.>

Scraped cabin Table & Hung Curtains

Regular routine

Feby 18th

<TUESDAY.>

Cleaned out all transoms in Cabin – Cleaned out Lazerett [sic] Cleaned out & took inventory mess gear
Store room Cleaned out Quadrant. & Schelacked [sic] same.
Finished work in Cabin

Regular routine Cleaned out Cabin store rooms.

Varnished cabin table

Feby 19th

<WEDNESDAY.>

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine put 2^{ed} coat white-wash on store rooms.
Cleaned out paint locker. put 2 panes glass in Cabin port.

Feby 20th

<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine Hoisted Ashes.
finished cleaning & restowed paint locker

Feby 21st

<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine
Scrubbed winter quarters

Feby 22^{ed}

<SATURDAY.>

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Feby 23rd
<SUNDAY.>
Sunday routine

Feby 24th
<MONDAY.>
Regular routine Cleaned out store rooms restowed 2 Store rooms.
Scrubbed store room grating's [sic] cleaned up berth deck
put plugs in gun ports.

Feby 25th
<TUESDAY.>
Regular routine broke out after Orlop deck.
Scubbed [sic] & white washed 2 store rooms orlop deck.
Restowed same finished plugs in gun ports.
Worked on punt.

Feby 26th
<WEDNESDAY.>
Regular routine put glass in W[ard] R[oom]. Sky light.
working on punt. Working in fore hold.
Scrap[p]ed burnt dingy [sic].

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine broke out. port fore hold. white-washed and
restowed same. Made inventory of Same.

Feby 27th

<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine
Hoisted Ashes Broke out & stowed away all stores in
Cases on Berth deck

Feby 28th

<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine
Scrubbed down gun deck
Cleaned out W[ard] R[oom].

Mch 1st

<SATURDAY.>

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Sunday routine
Mch 2^{ed}
<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine Working in fore hold.
Varnished cabin Table.
Mch 3rd
<MONDAY.>

Regular routine Continued work in Fore hold & berth deck
Mch 4th
<TUESDAY.>

Regular routine. finished fore hold.
Tar[r]ed both boat guys & Spars.
Made swabs for ship
Mch 5th
<WEDNESDAY.>

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine Overhauling forward berth deck.
Took inventory of magisine [sic]
Scrubbed paint work berth deck

March 6th

<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine
Hoisted Ashes.
finished scrubbing paint work berth deck

Mch 7th

<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine
washed down Gun deck
Cleaned out W[ard] R[oom].
washed snow & Ice off Spar deck

Mch 8th

<SATURDAY.>

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Mch 9th
<SUNDAY.> Sunday routine

Mch 10th
<MONDAY.> Regular routine
Scrubbed out Bag room.
Cleaned out winter quarters.

Mch 11th
<TUESDAY.> Regular routine
Schlacked [sic] painted bag room & berth deck ports
tuched [sic] up davit-heads. put up uper [sic] blocks for boat falls

Mch 12th
<WEDNESDAY.> Regular routine
Rove off boat falls. painted blocks.
Took Cover off Sail Launch
Straightened all gear aloff [sic].

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine Scrubbed 1st & 3rd Cutter inside & out Side
Scrubbed Covers

March 13th

<THURSDAY.>

Mch 14th

<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine
Hoisted Ashes
Scrubbed gig & cover – inside & outside

Mch 15th

<SATURDAY.>

Regular routine
Scrubbed Gun deck
Cleaned W[ard] R[oom].

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Mch 16th
<SUNDAY.>
Sunday Routine

Mch 17th
<MONDAY.>
Regular Routine put guys & spars to davits
put up string backs

Mch 18th
<TUESDAY.>
Regular routine. Hoisted 1st & 3rd Cutter & Gig on davits.
Scrubbed 2^{ed} cutter inside & outside

Mch 19th
<WEDNESDAY.>
Regular routine
Hoisted 2^{ed} Cutter on davits.
Scrubbed Sail Launch.
Started scrubbing ship side

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine
Scrubbing ship side

March 20th
<THURSDAY.>

Mch 21st
<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine Hoisted Ashes.
Scrubbing ship side
put stead[y]ing lines on boats.

Mch 22^{ed}
<SATURDAY.>

Regular routine
Scrubbed gun & Spar deck
Straightened gear aloft [sic]

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<DAY.>

Mch 23rd
<SUNDAY.>

Sunday routine

Mch 24th
<MONDAY.>

Regular routine
Scrubbing ship side.

Mch 25th
<TUESDAY.>

Regular routine
Same as before

Mch 26th
<WEDNESDAY.>

Regular routine Recd orders from Capt Nicklett to load.
3 boats with gear. 1st & 3rd Cutter & gig. finished loading 4³⁰ A M. Later loaded
2nd cutter & dinghy All boats used in flood districts of Ohio.

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine

Mch 27th
<THURSDAY.>

Regular routine

Mch 28th
<FRIDAY.>

Regular routine

Mch 29th
<SATURDAY.>

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Regular routine

Mch 30th

<SUNDAY.>

Regular routine

Mch 31st

<MONDAY.>

<TUESDAY.>

<WEDNESDAY.>

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<REMARKS.>

<THURSDAY.>

<FRIDAY.>

<SATURDAY.>

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<CONDITION OF HULL AND EQUIPMENTS. >

<DATE OF INSPECTION-TO BE MADE MONTHLY. >

	Oct 31, 1912	Nov 30th 1912.	Dec 31, 1912	Jan 31, 1913	Feb 28, 1913	March 31, 1913
<ORDNANCE. >						
<Air Compressors,>	None	None	None	None	None	None
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<Air Piping,>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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<Ammunition,>						
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<C. AND R.>						
<Compartment A-1,>						
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<Bilges,>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
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<Hand Pumps,>	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
<Anchor Gear,>	See page 56	See page 56	See page 56	See page 56	See page 56	See page 56
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<Fire Equipment,>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
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<Dynamo,>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
<Electric Leads,>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Torpedo-Firing Circuits,>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Respectfully invite your attention to report of Lieut F. C. Starr, U S. N dated August 1912.								
This gear is worn out and beyond repair; in its present condition it is dangerous to those who operate it.								
Whaleboat. 41 N is .absolutely worthless and beyond repair; should be surveyed.								
Cutter 153 N. has seven ribs rove in, planking ruined; stern sheets torn from body; risings gone; in short a complete wreck. This boat was used to good advantage in flood districts of Columbus and Zanesville Ohio; should be surveyed.								
Cutter Y 859 Excellent								
Gig Y 1115 Excellent								
Sailing Launch N 149 Back bone broken, not worth repairing; should be surveyed								
Bowsprit, Crews Heads, Cat Heads, Billboards and Clamp Pieces on either side for distance of 45 ft. from bow.								
On Sept. 13, 1912 The Essex collided with the upper gate of the Poe lock located .at Sault Ste Marie, Michigan]. damaging her bowsprit and the crews heads; owing to rotten condition of clamp pieces it was impossible to replace the crews heads, which were cleared away as wreckage.								
Forty five (45) ft of the clamp pieces on either side of the ship are rotten; owing to this condition of clamp pieces both Cat Heads and Bill boards are now in a dangerous condition. Recommend that when new anchor gear is installed old cat heads be abandoned and the new type of tripping gear be installed. When new clamp pieces are provided it will be necessary to also furnish 45 ft of new rail, carrying same to bowsprit for a finish; deck over old heads; providing small hatched for same which would convert this space into ideal boatswain lockers.								
Gun Deck alterations.								
Recommend that present obsolete head on port side be removed and that a sanitary head with six seats, a urinal and shower bath for enlisted men be installed. On the starboard side remove present obsolete Officers head, replace same with new, provide shower for officers and install an open iron trough with six faucets, to be used by enlisted men in lieu of a wash room.								

*The above data will be taken whenever a run is of sufficient length to enable it to be done. The speed will be varied to determine if there is an economical speed. See columns 7 and 8.

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